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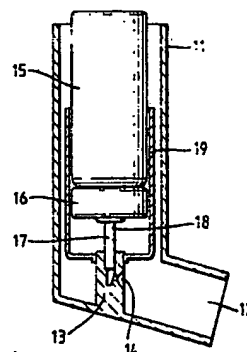
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54 **Inhalation devices with a reduced risk of blockage.**

57 An aerosol inhalation device, comprising a mouthpiece (12) and a canister (15) of pressurized hygroscopic medicament, the canister (15) being fitted at one end with a dispensing metering valve; wherein a protective barrier (19) is provided between the dispensing metering valve and the mouthpiece (12) so as to eliminate or substantially reduce blockage of the device.

*Fig.4.*





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